

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT 1807**

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**IN UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Filed:	December 8, 1987	)	
Title:	MODIFIED NUCLEOTIDES AND METHODS OF PREPARING AND USING SAME	)	Examiner: Ardin Marschel, Ph.D

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Dear Sirs:

Please enter this Amendment to the Office Action of May 18, 1993 which was issued in connection with the above-identified application. This Amendment is being timely filed.

**AMEND THIS APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:**

**In The Claims:**

Amend claims 150 and 183 as follows:

~~150. (Amended) A method of detecting the presence or absence of a nucleic acid in a sample which comprises the steps of~~

~~(a) contacting under hybridizable conditions said sample with at least one compound comprising the structure:~~